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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON ALLIED RESERVATIONS ON  
ANTI-TERRORISM LAW

REF: USBER 1983

1. AT CONCLUSION OF BONN GROUP MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 21,  
ALLIED REPS MET TRIPARTITELY TO DISCUSS PROPOSED PRESS  
GUIDANCE ON ISSUANCE OF BK/O ON NEW ANTI-TERRORISM LAW  
(PARA 2, REFTEL).

2. ALLIED REPS AGREED ON CHANGES TO PROPOSED ANSWERS  
TO TWO OF THE QUESTIONS:

A. THEIR BELIEF WAS THAT THE PROPOSED ANSWER TO  
THE FIRST QUESTION (WHAT IS THE MEANING AND PURPOSE OF  
THE ALLIED BK/O?) WAS NOT ACCURATE, IN THAT THE BK/O  
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DOES NOT IN FACT CLARIFY THE QUESTION OF WHICH

PROSECUTOR HANDLES A GIVEN MATTER. THEY THEREFORE  
BELIEVE THE ANSWER SHOULD BE CHANGED TO THE FOLLOWING:

"THIS IS A TECHNICAL MATTER. THE BK/O IS  
DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW LAW IS CONSISTENT  
WITH ALLIED LEGISLATION."

B. ALLIED REPS AGREED IT WOULD BE MORE PRECISE  
TO REVISE THE ANSWER TO THE SECOND QUESTION TO  
READ AS FOLLOWS:

"NO, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT. HE WILL BE ABLE TO  
ACT PURSUANT TO LAWS WHICH ARE ALREADY IN FORCE  
IN BERLIN, AND ALSO PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF  
THIS NEW LAW WHICH ARE APPLICABLE IN BERLIN."

3. ALLIED REPS ARE ASSUMING THAT QUESTIONS IN  
BERLIN WILL BE REFERRED TO THE CHAIRMAN (FRENCH)  
PRESS SPOKESMAN. FRENCH AND BRITISH EMBASSIES ARE  
ALSO CABLING ABOVE CHANGES TO THEIR BERLIN MISSIONS.  
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